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1. Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru and KONO Ichiro have an intense dislike for each other. It was KONO who released the adverse stories about SHIGEMITSU after SHIGEMITSU'S recent trip to the United States.
2. MATSUOTO Shunichi and SHIGEMITSU are very good friends and loyal to one another. SHIGEMITSU hates the Russians for their part in having him purged and imprisoned and never refers to them except in an insulting manner. SHIGEMITSU feels that he can trust MATSUOTO in his present London negotiations with the Russians.

Field Comments

- 1 FJB-1713 from another source appears to substantiate this.
- 2 Information from another agency dated 1952 states: At the insistence of the USSR, SHIGEMITSU was indicted and tried as a war criminal although there was considerable doubt as to the propriety of bringing him to trial. He was sentenced to seven years imprisonment by the International Military Tribunal for the Far East. In November 1950 he was paroled, evoking several official protests from the USSR.

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